

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

144

TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

(Temporary)

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RESPONSIBILITY

The Warden or managers of an institution or facility are responsible to ensure that no inmate or staff has access to a telecommunication device that contradicts existing law.

All staff members have the responsibility to have knowledge of and comply with this regulation.

144.01 TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

1. Any device or apparatus associated with a device that enables an inmate to communicate with a person outside the facility or institution is considered to be a telecommunication device.
 - Such items include, but are not limited to, a telephone, a cellular phone, a personal digital assistant, a transmitting radio or computer that is connected to a computer network through the use of wireless technology or is otherwise capable of communicating with a person or device outside an institution or facility.
 - Inmates may have access to telephones in Silver State Industries that are limited to work related issues. Such phone access must be supervised by all NDOC employees.
2. All NDOC employees, representatives of other state agencies, contractors, vendors or other persons who access NDOC institutions or facilities must have received prior written approval from the Director prior to entering with a telecommunication device.
 - The authority cannot be delegated.
 - The Director's decision is final.
 - A Deputy Director or Warden may grant one-time, personal approval for the use of a cell phone under exceptional circumstances, i.e., health, safety, or security.

- The individual granted such approval must complete and sign [DOC Form 006](#) prior to provisional approval.
 - This [DOC Form 006](#) must be forwarded to the Director for review.
3. All employees are required to sign a Telecommunication Device Acknowledgement form, [DOC Form 1046](#).
 4. Request for approval of possession of telecommunication devices must be submitted via the Chain of Command using [DOC Form 006](#) – Request to Possess Telecommunication Device. A signed DOC 1046, NDOC Telecommunication Device Acknowledgement Form must also be attached to the request.
 5. The use of any telecommunication device is a privilege. Approval may be revoked at any time without cause.
 6. All persons authorized to carry a telecommunication device must have their approval forms on their person at all times.
 7. Upon request of the Inspector General’s Office, all persons authorized to carry a telecommunication device must consent to review of their telephone records or internet provider records of the approved telecommunication device.
 - Failure to comply will result in an immediate suspension of their privilege.
 8. Violation of this procedure may be prosecuted under criminal statutes.

144.02 APPLICABILITY

1. This AR requires an Operational Procedure (OP) for the division, institution and facility.
2. This AR requires an audit.

REFERENCES None

ATTACHMENTS

[DOC Form 006](#) – Request to Possess Telecommunication Devices
[DOC 1046](#) – Telecommunication Device Acknowledgement Form

Howard Skolnik, Director

Date